Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—These poor people were advised and persuaded by Government.

President.—Those people were persuaded.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So the educated people were not convinced that inoculation would protect them from plague.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—They were also persuaded.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these educated people also persuaded ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Oh, yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—And they were not convinced?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know whether they were convinced or not.

Operations and deaths in the General Hospital.

230. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform: –

(a) the number of abdominal and major operations performed since Dr. Puduval went on leave to-date ;

(b) the number of deaths that have taken place in the General Hospital since Dr. Puduval went on leave either in the Surgical or in the Medical Wards ;

(c) the total number of instruments now existing in the General Hospital and the total cost of the same ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—

Period since Dr. Puduval went on leave	Total number of operations	Major	Death in		Death after operation
			Surgical Ward	Medical Ward	
(a) and (b) 12th Meenam 1103 to 13th Vrischigam 1104	535	367	40	117	23

(c) 775. The cost of these instruments is not recorded in the register and it is not possible to find it out.

Medical Officers without transfer.

231. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state who are the officers in the Medical Department of the State who are kept now for more than three years in the same locality and the special reasons, if any, for doing so ?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—List of Medical Officers who have been more than 3 years in the same place:—

1. Assistant Surgeon M. Raman Menon, Palace Dispensary.
2. Acting Civil Surgeon Mrs. Kohlhoff } Womens
3. Sub-Assistant Surgeon Mrs. T. Francis } Hospital Mattancheri.
4. Assistant Surgeon M. Joseph Ittoop } General
5. Sub-Assistant Surgeon M. C. Poulose } Hospital,
6. Sub-Assistant Surgeon T. Koshi Mathew } Ernakulam.
7. Sub-Assistant Surgeon C.V. Sankarambal }
8. Assistant Surgeon Miss G. M. D'Souza—Maternity Hospital, Trichur.
9. Assistant Surgeon H. Narayana Kamath } Civil Hospi-
10. Sub-Assistant Surgeon K. P.Masilamani } tal, Trichur.
11. Assistant Surgeon P. P. Anthony—Chalakkudi Hospital.
12. Sub-Assistant Surgeon P. A. Rama Ayyar—Nanniode Dispensary.

For the reasons for keeping them in the same stations vide answer to question No. 51 (b) of the Legislative Session of 1102, First Council, Volume III, Part 2.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know if there is any special reason to keep Messrs. Joseph Ittoop, Poulose and Koshi Mathew in the General Hospital for such a long time?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. The answer is given there already. Dr. Ittoop is performing the duties of Dr. Puduval; Dr. Koshi Mathew is performing the duties of Dr. T. Verghese. It is highly necessary that they should continue to remain there now. Then there is only the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Poulose. There is no special necessity for keeping him there. But then I cannot get willing persons to come into the General Hospital to do that work. While there is a subordinate who is both willing and efficient, I do not know why he should be transferred to some other place.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is it the willingness of the staff that has to be taken into consideration in the case of transfers?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, that is one of the factors.

Police Inspectors and Scotland Yard Training.

232. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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